GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services — Forest Department – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri M. Venkateswara Rao, Forest Section Officer, Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division along with others – Inquiry finalized and findings received – Recovery of Govt. loss of Rs.73,920/- from the pensionary benefits - Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 98 Dated:06-11-2015.
Read the following:

1. From the Prl. CCF, Lr.Ref.No.9187/2003/K1, Dated:26.04.2013.
2. Memo No:4333/For.IV/A1/2013-4, Dated:06-01-2014.
3. From Sri M. Venkateswara Rao, FSO(Retd), explanation dt:30.07.2015.
4. Govt. Letter No.4333/For.IV/A1/2013, Dated:13-08-2015.
5. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.735/DC&C/3/2015, dt.23.09.2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that, disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri M. Venkateswara Rao, Forest Section Officer, Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division along with others vide PCCF Ref.No. 1647/2003/S5 dt:15-04-2004 on the following count:

**Article**: That the said Sri M. Venkateswara Rao, Forest Section Officer, presently working as Forest Section Officer, G.L. Puram (I/C) of Kurupam Range had exhibited gross neglect of duty and shown lack of devotion to duty and charged un-necessary expenditure to a tune of Rs.4,83,770/- in respect of works executed under the schemes APFP, RIDF–V EAS & APFFP during the years 1998-99 to 2001-2002 on coppicing, Pruning and Multiple shoot cutting operations in the year of raising and also for maintenance of Plantations resulted in unnecessary expenditure to a tune of Rs.4,83,770/- to the Government exchequer and thereby contravened Rule – 3 of APCS (Conduct ) Rules 1964.

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the Article of Charge and submitted his explanation dt:05-05-2004. Not satisfying with the explanation of the charged officer, the Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram who has been appointed as Inquiry Officer, has conducted the inquiry and submitted his findings concluding that the charge framed against Sri M. Venkateswara Rao, Forest Section Officer is not proved. The Prl.CCF., in his remarks has informed that, as per the report of the Conservator of Forests, the charged officer is liable for recovery of an amount of Rs.73,920/- from his pensionary benefits.

3. Sri M. Venkateswara Rao Forest Section Officer, Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on the A.N. of 30-6-2004. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 (2) of APRP Rules, 1980.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, remarks of the Prl.CCF and material made available observe that the charge framed against the Charged Officer, is held not proved. However, he is liable for recovery of an amount of Rs.73,920/-. Hence, it is provisionally decided to recover the unnecessary expenditure of Rs.73,920/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri M. Venkateswara Rao, Forest Section Officer, Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 and to drop further action against him.

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5. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd read above. The Retired Officer has submitted his explanation to the Show-Cause-Notice through the reference 3rd read above, in which he has agreed for the proposed punishment.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to recover the unnecessary expenditure of Rs.73,920/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri M. Venkateswara Rao, Forest Section Officer, Parvathipuram Range of Vizianagaram Division under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.735/DC&C/3/2015, dt.23.09.2015).
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER